Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended)   A method of electronic commerce, comprising:

    a) in a system configuration phase:

        i) receiving dynamic attribute parameters defining [[a]] an administrator dynamic

attribute by which to measure the desirability of a specific responder for a potential

commercial transaction involving a requestor and a responder, the dynamic attribute

parameters including a name and a data type for the administrator dynamic attribute; and

        ii) receiving a criterion to automatically determine whether to associate the

administrator dynamic attribute with a particular opportunity object, created later,

representing a particular potential commercial transaction involving a requestor and a

responder, wherein, in advance of a specific responder being engaged for the specific

potential commercial transaction, one or more potential responders are to provide input

for the requestor to measure the desirability of the one or more potential responders for

the specific potential commercial transaction; and

    b) subsequently in a system usage phase:

        i) receiving user input from a requestor to generate a new opportunity object for a

particular potential commercial transaction involving the requestor and a responder to be

determined after an evaluation process, the user input including opportunity attribute data

for one or more attributes of the particular potential commercial transaction for which the

new opportunity object is being generated;

     ii) determining whether the particular potential commercial transaction for which

the new opportunity object is being generated meets the criterion based on the user input

opportunity attribute data; and

     iii) automatically associating the administrator dynamic attribute with the new

opportunity object if the particular potential commercial transaction for which the new

opportunity object is being created meets the criterion.

2. (Withdrawn)   The method of claim 1, further comprising:

     receiving one or more additional criteria; and

     automatically associating the administrator dynamic attribute with the new opportunity if

the new opportunity meets one or more of the additional criteria.

3. (Withdrawn)   The method of claim 1, wherein the attribute is an opportunity type,

wherein the criterion is whether the opportunity type is one of one or more particular opportunity

types, and wherein the determining whether the new opportunity meets the criterion based on the

attribute data comprises comparing opportunity type data for the new opportunity to the one or

more particular opportunity types.

4. (Withdrawn)   The method of claim 1, wherein the one or more attributes include a

product name and a product quantity for a line item of the opportunity.

5. (Withdrawn)   The method of claim 1, further comprising generating one or more user

interfaces to receive the user input to generate the new opportunity.

6. (Withdrawn)   The method of claim 5, wherein the one or more user interfaces are to

display attribute information pertaining to a first attribute of the one or more attributes, and

further to display a first attribute field to receive user input comprising associated first attribute

data.

7. (Currently Amended)   The method of claim 1, further comprising:

        generating a response template for an opportunity associated with the administrator

dynamic attribute, the response template including one or more response user interfaces

displaying attribute information pertaining to the administrator dynamic attribute and [[a]] an

administrator attribute field to receive user input comprising associated administrator dynamic

attribute data.

8. (Original)   The method of claim 7, further comprising:

        receiving user input to generate a different opportunity prior to receiving the criterion to

automatically determine whether to associate the administrator dynamic attribute with a

particular opportunity, wherein the user input includes dynamic attribute data for a dynamic

attribute to associate with the different opportunity.

9. (Currently Amended)   The method of claim 8, further comprising:

transmitting opportunity data for the different opportunity to one or more potential

~~suppliers~~ responders; and

subsequent to receiving the criterion to automatically determine whether to associate the

administrator dynamic attribute with a particular opportunity, generating a response template to

receive user input from a particular potential ~~supplier~~ responder of the one or more potential

~~suppliers~~ responders, the response template including one or more user interfaces to display

attribute information pertaining to a response attribute of the one or more attributes, and further

to display a response attribute field to receive user input comprising associated response attribute

data.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the attribute information includes attribute

information pertaining to the dynamic attribute but not to the administrator dynamic attribute.

11. (Withdrawn)   The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving user input to generate

a copied opportunity based on the new opportunity.

12. (Withdrawn)   The method of claim 11, wherein the new opportunity is associated with a

dynamic attribute set consisting of one or more dynamic attributes.

13. (Withdrawn)   The method of claim 12, further comprising:

        receiving user input including a opportunity type data for an opportunity type attribute of

the copied opportunity;

        determining if the opportunity type data for the copied opportunity is the same as

opportunity type data for the new opportunity; and

        if the opportunity type data for the copied opportunity is the same as opportunity type

data for the new opportunity, associating the dynamic attribute set with the copied opportunity.

14. (Withdrawn)   The method of claim 13, further comprising:

        if the opportunity type data for the copied opportunity is different than the opportunity

type data for the new opportunity, associating a different set of dynamic attributes with the

copied opportunity.

15. (Withdrawn)   The method of claim 12, further comprising:

        receiving user input including attribute data for an attribute of the copied opportunity;

determining if the attribute data for the copied opportunity is the same as corresponding attribute

data for the new opportunity; and

if the attribute data for the copied opportunity is the same as the corresponding attribute

data for the new opportunity, associating the dynamic attribute set with the copied opportunity.

16. (Withdrawn)   The method of claim 15, further comprising:

if the attribute data for the copied opportunity is different than the corresponding attribute

data for the new opportunity, associating a different set of dynamic attributes with the copied

opportunity.

17. (Currently Amended)   An article comprising a machine-readable medium storing

instructions operable to cause one or more machines to perform operations comprising:

a) in a system configuration phase:

i) receiving dynamic attribute parameters defining [[a]] an administrator dynamic

attribute by which to measure the desirability of a specific responder for a potential

commercial transaction involving a requestor and a responder, the dynamic attribute

parameters including a name and a data type for the administrator dynamic attribute; and

ii) receiving a criterion to automatically determine whether to associate the

administrator dynamic attribute with a particular opportunity object, created later,

representing a particular potential commercial transaction involving a requestor and a

responder, wherein, in advance of a specific responder being engaged for the specific

potential commercial transaction, one or more potential responders are to provide input

for the requestor to measure the desirability of the one or more potential responders for

the specific potential commercial transaction; and

b) subsequently in a system usage phase:

i) receiving user input from a requestor to generate a new opportunity object for a

particular potential commercial transaction involving the requestor and a responder to be

determined after an evaluation process, the user input including opportunity attribute data

for one or more attributes of the particular potential commercial transaction for which the

new opportunity object is being generated;

ii) determining whether the particular potential commercial transaction for which

the new opportunity object is being generated meets the criterion based on the user input

opportunity attribute data; and

iii) automatically associating the administrator dynamic attribute with the new

opportunity object if the particular potential commercial transaction for which the new

opportunity object is being created meets the criterion.

18. (Withdrawn)   The article of claim 17, further comprising:

receiving one or more additional criteria; and

automatically associating the administrator dynamic attribute with the new opportunity if

the new opportunity meets one or more of the additional criteria.

19. (Withdrawn)   The article of claim 17, wherein the attribute is an opportunity type, wherein the criterion is whether the opportunity type is one of one or more particular opportunity types, and wherein the determining whether the new opportunity meets the criterion based on the attribute data comprises comparing opportunity type data for the new opportunity to the one or more particular opportunity types.

20. (Withdrawn)   The article of claim 17, wherein the one or more attributes include a product name and a product quantity for a line item of the opportunity.

21. (Withdrawn)   The article of claim 17, further comprising generating one or more user interfaces to receive the user input to generate the new opportunity.

22. (Withdrawn)   The article of claim 21, wherein the one or more user interfaces are to display attribute information pertaining to a first attribute of the one or more attributes, and further to display a first attribute field to receive user input comprising associated first attribute data.

23. (Currently Amended)   The article of claim 17, further comprising:

generating a response template for an opportunity associated with the administrator dynamic attribute, the response template including one or more response user interfaces displaying attribute information pertaining to the administrator dynamic attribute and [[a]] an

administrator attribute field to receive user input comprising associated administrator dynamic

attribute data.

24. (Original) The article of claim 23, further comprising:

   receiving user input to generate a different opportunity prior to receiving the criterion to

automatically determine whether to associate the administrator dynamic attribute with a

particular opportunity, wherein the user input includes dynamic attribute data for a dynamic

attribute to associate with the different opportunity.

25. (Currently Amended)   The article of claim 24, further comprising:

   transmitting opportunity data for the different opportunity to one or more potential

~~suppliers~~ responders; and

   subsequent to receiving the criterion to automatically determine whether to associate the

administrator dynamic attribute with a particular opportunity, generating a response template to

receive user input from a particular potential ~~supplier~~ responder of the one or more potential

~~suppliers~~ responders, the response template including one or more user interfaces to display

attribute information pertaining to a response attribute of the one or more attributes, and further

to display a response attribute field to receive user input comprising associated response attribute

data.

26. (Original) The article of claim 25, wherein the attribute information includes attribute information pertaining to the dynamic attribute but not to the administrator dynamic attribute.

27. (Withdrawn)   The article of claim 17, further comprising receiving user input to generate a copied opportunity based on the new opportunity.

28. (Withdrawn)   The article of claim 27, wherein the new opportunity is associated with a dynamic attribute set consisting of one or more dynamic attributes.

29. (Withdrawn)   The article of claim 28, further comprising:

receiving user input including a opportunity type data for an opportunity type attribute of the copied opportunity;

determining if the opportunity type data for the copied opportunity is the same as opportunity type data for the new opportunity; and

if the opportunity type data for the copied opportunity is the same as opportunity type data for the new opportunity, associating the dynamic attribute set with the copied opportunity.

30. (Withdrawn)   The article of claim 29, further comprising:

if the opportunity type data for the copied opportunity is different than the opportunity type data for the new opportunity, associating a different set of dynamic attributes with the copied opportunity.

31. (Withdrawn)   The article of claim 28, further comprising:

     receiving user input including attribute data for an attribute of the copied opportunity;

     determining if the attribute data for the copied opportunity is the same as corresponding

attribute data for the new opportunity; and

     if the attribute data for the copied opportunity is the same as the corresponding attribute

data for the new opportunity, associating the dynamic attribute set with the copied opportunity.

32. (Withdrawn)   The article of claim 31, further comprising:

     if the attribute data for the copied opportunity is different than the corresponding attribute

data for the new opportunity, associating a different set of dynamic attributes with the copied

opportunity.

33. (Currently Amended)   A system, comprising:

     a) in a system configuration phase:

          i) means for receiving dynamic attribute parameters defining [[a]] an

     administrator dynamic attribute by which to measure the desirability of a specific

     responder for a potential commercial transaction involving a requestor and a responder,

     the dynamic attribute parameters including a name and a data type for the administrator

     dynamic attribute; and

ii) means for receiving a criterion to automatically determine whether to associate the administrator dynamic attribute with a particular opportunity object, created later, representing a particular potential commercial transaction involving a requestor and a responder, wherein, in advance of a specific responder being engaged for the specific potential commercial transaction, one or more potential responders are to provide input for the requestor to measure the desirability of the one or more potential responders for the specific potential commercial transaction; and

b) subsequently in a system usage phase:

i) means for subsequently receiving user input from a requestor to generate a new opportunity object for a particular potential commercial transaction involving the requestor and a responder to be determined after an evaluation process, the user input including opportunity attribute data for one or more attributes of the particular potential commercial transaction for which the new opportunity object is being generated;

ii) means for determining whether the particular potential commercial transaction for which the new opportunity object is being generated meets the criterion based on the user input opportunity attribute data; and

iii) means for automatically associating the administrator dynamic attribute with the new opportunity object if the particular potential commercial transaction for which the new opportunity object is being created meets the criterion.

34. (Withdrawn)   The system of claim 33, further comprising:

　　means for receiving one or more additional criteria; and

　　means for automatically associating the administrator dynamic attribute with the new

opportunity if the new opportunity meets one or more of the additional criteria.

35. (Withdrawn)   The system of claim 33, wherein the attribute is an opportunity type,

wherein the criterion is whether the opportunity type is one of one or more particular opportunity

types, and wherein the determining whether the new opportunity meets the criterion based on the

attribute data comprises comparing opportunity type data for the new opportunity to the one or

more particular opportunity types.

36. (Withdrawn)   The system of claim 33, wherein the one or more attributes include a

product name and a product quantity for a line item of the opportunity.

37. (Withdrawn)   The system of claim 33, further comprising means for generating one or

more user interfaces to receive the user input to generate the new opportunity.

38. (Withdrawn)   The system of claim 37, wherein the one or more user interfaces are to

display attribute information pertaining to a first attribute of the one or more attributes, and

further to display a first attribute field to receive user input comprising associated first attribute

data.

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39. (Currently Amended)   The system of claim 33, further comprising:

      means for generating a response template for an opportunity associated with the

administrator dynamic attribute, the response template including one or more response user

interfaces displaying attribute information pertaining to the administrator dynamic attribute and

[[a]] an administrator attribute field to receive user input comprising associated administrator

dynamic attribute data.

40. (Original) The system of claim 39, further comprising:

      means for receiving user input to generate a different opportunity prior to receiving the

criterion to automatically determine whether to associate the administrator dynamic attribute

with a particular opportunity, wherein the user input includes dynamic attribute data for a

dynamic attribute to associate with the different opportunity.

41. (Currently Amended)   The system of claim 40, further comprising:

      means for transmitting opportunity data for the different opportunity to one or more

potential suppliers responders; and

      means for generating a response template to receive user input from a particular potential

supplier responder of the one or more potential suppliers responders subsequent to receiving the

criterion to automatically determine whether to associate the administrator dynamic attribute

with a particular opportunity, the response template including one or more user interfaces to

display attribute information pertaining to a response attribute of the one or more attributes, and

further to display a response attribute field to receive user input comprising associated response

attribute data.

42. (Original) The system of claim 41, wherein the attribute information includes attribute

information pertaining to the dynamic attribute but not to the administrator dynamic attribute.

43. (Withdrawn)   The system of claim 33, further comprising means for receiving user input

to generate a copied opportunity based on the new opportunity.

44. (Withdrawn)   The system of claim 43, wherein the new opportunity is associated with a

dynamic attribute set consisting of one or more dynamic attributes.

45. (Withdrawn)   The system of claim 44, further comprising:

       means for receiving user input including a opportunity type data for an opportunity type

attribute of the copied opportunity;

       means for determining if the opportunity type data for the copied opportunity is the same

as opportunity type data for the new opportunity; and

       means for associating the dynamic attribute set with the copied opportunity if the

opportunity type data for the copied opportunity is the same as opportunity type data for the new

opportunity,.

46. (Withdrawn)   The system of claim 45, further comprising:

    means for associating a different set of dynamic attributes with the copied opportunity if

the opportunity type data for the copied opportunity is different than the opportunity type data

for the new opportunity.

47. (Withdrawn)   The system of claim 44, further comprising:

    means for receiving user input including attribute data for an attribute of the copied

opportunity;

    means for determining if the attribute data for the copied opportunity is the same as

corresponding attribute data for the new opportunity; and

    means for associating the dynamic attribute set with the copied opportunity if the

attribute data for the copied opportunity is the same as the corresponding attribute data for the

new opportunity.

48. (Withdrawn)   The system of claim 47, further comprising:

    means for associating a different set of dynamic attributes with the copied opportunity if

the attribute data for the copied opportunity is different than the corresponding attribute data for

the new opportunity.